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State	Alabama	Alaska
Code	Ala. Code § 34-24-50	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 08.64.380
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	Includes (1) "diagnose, treat, correct, advice or prescribe for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition, physical or mental, real or imaginary, by any means or instrumentality" (2) maintain an office, whether for compensation or not, (3) to use the designation Doctor, etc.	(A) for a fee, donation or other consideration, to diagnose, treat, operate on, prescribe for, or administer to, any human ailment, blemish, deformity, disease, disfigurement, disorder, injury, or other mental or physical condition; or to attempt to perform or represent that a person is authorized to perform any of the acts set out in this subparagraph; (B) to use or publicly display a title in connection with a person's name including "doctor of medicine," "physician," "M.D.," or "doctor of osteopathic medicine" or "D.O." or a specialist designation including "surgeon," "dermatologist," or a similar title in such a manner as to show that the person is willing or qualified to diagnose or treat the sick or injured;
Code	Ala. Code § 34-24-51	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 08.64.360
Penalty	Class C felony (2-20 years in jail, maximum \$5K fine); does not apply to medical students, or person acting within the scope of their license.	Class A misdemeanor, excludes physician assistant, mobile intensive care paramedic, or person licensed under another chapter. Each day is a separate offense.

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State	Arizona	Arkansas
Code	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-1401	Ark. Code Ann. § 17-95-202
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>"Practice of medicine" means the diagnosis, the treatment or the correction of or the attempt or the claim to be able to diagnose, treat or correct any and all human diseases, injuries, ailments, infirmities, deformities, physical or mental, real or imaginary, by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities, except as the same may be among the acts or persons not affected by this chapter. The practice of medicine includes the practice of medicine alone or the practice of surgery alone, or both.</p>	<p>(A) Holding out one's self to the public within this state as being able to diagnose, treat, prescribe for, palliate, or prevent any human disease, ailment, injury, deformity, or physical or mental condition, whether by the use of drugs, surgery, manipulation, electricity, or any physical, mechanical, or other means whatsoever; (B) Suggesting, recommending, prescribing, or administering any form of treatment, operation, or healing for the intended palliation, relief, or cure of any physical or mental disease, ailment, injury, condition, or defect of any person with the intention of receiving, either directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, or compensation whatsoever; (C) Maintaining an office or other place to meet persons for the purpose of examining or treating persons afflicted with disease, injury, or defect of body or mind; (D) Using the title "M.D.", "M.B.", "D.O.", "physician", "surgeon", or any other word or abbreviation to indicate or induce others to believe that one is engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of persons afflicted with disease, injury, or defect of body or mind, except as otherwise expressly permitted by the laws of this state relating to the practice of any limited field of the healing arts; (E) Performing any kind of surgical operation upon a human being; or (F) Delegating certain medical practices to other personnel under rules adopted by the board.</p>
Code	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-1455	Ark. Code Ann. § 17-95-402
Penalty	<p>Class 5 felony for unlicensed practice; class 2 misdemeanor for using designation of "M.D." or any other similar designation.</p>	<p>Misdemeanor; \$250-\$500 fine or imprisonment of not less than 1 month or more than 11 months; each day of practice is a separate offense. Courts are authorized to issue injunctions, and person is declared a "public nuisance and is detrimental to the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the state of Arkansas."</p>

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State	California	Colorado
Code	Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 2052	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-36-117
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>(a) Notwithstanding Section 146, any person who practices or attempts to practice, or who advertises or holds himself or herself out as practicing, any system or mode of treating the sick or afflicted in this state, or who diagnoses, treats, operates for, or prescribes for any ailment, blemish, deformity, disease, disfigurement, disorder, injury, or other physical or mental condition of any person, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, or unsuspended certificate as provided in this chapter or without being authorized to perform the act pursuant to a certificate obtained in accordance with some other provision of law ...[continued below]</p>	<p>(a) Holding out one's self to the public within this state as being able to diagnose, treat, prescribe for, palliate, or prevent any human disease, ailment, pain, injury, deformity, or physical or mental condition, whether by the use of drugs, surgery, manipulation, electricity, telemedicine, the interpretation of tests, including primary diagnosis of pathology specimens, images, or photographs, or any physical, mechanical, or other means whatsoever; (b) Suggesting, recommending, prescribing, or administering any form of treatment, operation, or healing for the intended palliation, relief, or cure of any physical or mental disease, ailment, injury, condition, or defect of any person; (c) The maintenance of an office or other place for the purpose of examining or treating persons afflicted with disease, injury, or defect of body or mind; (d) Using the title M.D., D.O., physician, surgeon, or [anything similar] (e) Performing any kind of surgical operation upon a human being; or (f) The practice of midwifery, except: (I) Services rendered by certified nurse-midwives properly licensed and practicing in accordance with the provisions of article 38 of this title; or (g) ... telemedicine. Nothing in this paragraph (g) authorizes physicians to deliver services outside their scope of practice or limits the delivery of health services by other licensed professionals, within the professional's scope of practice, using advanced technology</p>
Code	Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 2052	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-36-129
Penalty	<p>is guilty of a public offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and either imprisonment. (b) Any person who conspires with or aids or abets another to commit any act described in subdivision (a) is guilty of a public offense, subject to the punishment described in that subdivision. (c) The remedy provided in this section shall not preclude any other remedy provided by law.</p>	<p>1st offense: class 2 misdemeanor (3-12 months imprisonment; \$250-\$1000 fine; or both); 2nd offense: class 6 felony (12-18 months imprisonment, one year parole)</p>

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State	Connecticut	Delaware
Code	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 20-9	Del. Code Ann. tit. 24, § 1702
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	(a) No person shall, for compensation, gain or reward, received or expected, diagnose, treat, operate for or prescribe for any injury, deformity, ailment or disease, actual or imaginary, of another person, nor practice surgery, until he has obtained such a license as provided in section 20-10, and then only in the kind or branch of practice stated in such license.	a. Advertising, holding out to the public, or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in this State;b. Offering or undertaking to prescribe, order, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of another person; c. Offering or undertaking to prevent or to diagnose, correct, and/or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, or devices a disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect, or abnormal physical or mental condition of another person, including the management of pregnancy and parturition; d. Offering or undertaking to perform a surgical operation upon another person; e. Rendering a written or otherwise documented medical opinion concerning the diagnosis or treatment of a person or the actual rendering of treatment to a person within the State by a physician located outside the State as a result of transmission of the person's medical data by electronic or other means from within the State to the physician or to the physician's agent; f. Rendering a determination of medical necessity or a decision affecting or modifying the diagnosis and/or treatment of a person; g. Using the designation Doctor, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, physician, surgeon, physician and surgeon, Dr., M.D., or D.O., or a similar designation, or any combination thereof, in the conduct of an occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or condition, unless the designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in the State. For the purposes of this chapter, in order that the full resources of the State are available for the protection of persons using the services of physicians, the act of the practice of medicine occurs where a person is located at the time a physician practices medicine upon the person.
Code	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 53-341	Del. Code Ann. tit. 24, § 1766
Penalty	(a) Except as otherwise permitted by chapters 369 to 388,1 inclusive, and subsection (b) of this section, no person engaged in the practice of any branch of the art of healing the sick or injured or professing to be engaged in such practice, other than a person who is licensed to practice medicine under the provisions of chapter 370,2 may use or imply the use of the words "physician", "surgeon", "medical doctor", "osteopath" or "doctor", or the initials "M.D.", "D.O." or "Dr.", or any similar title or description of services, with the intent to represent, or in a manner that is likely to induce the belief that, the person (1) practices medicine within the state, (2) is licensed to practice medicine within the state, or (3) may diagnose or treat any injury, deformity, ailment or disease, actual or imaginary, of another person for compensation, gain or reward...(c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or section 20-9, 20-12d or 20-12n shall be fined not more than <u>five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both</u> . For purposes of this section, each instance of patient contact or consultation that is in violation of chapter 370 shall constitute a separate offense. Failure to renew a license in a timely manner shall not constitute a violation of this section.	(a) A person who practices or attempts to practice medicine contrary to the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a class F felony and shall be fined not less than \$1000 nor more than \$5000 or imprisoned not more than 3 years, or both. (b) A person who terminates or attempts to terminate or assists in the termination of a human pregnancy otherwise than by birth, except in accordance with subchapter IX of this chapter, is guilty of a class C felony and shall be fined not more than \$5,000 and imprisoned not less than 2 nor more than 10 years. (c) A person who violates a provision of this chapter for which a penalty is not specified is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. (d) The Attorney General of this State or a deputy attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. (e) The Superior Court has exclusive original jurisdiction over violations of the criminal provisions of this chapter

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State	Florida	Georgia
Code	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 458.305	Ga. Code Ann. § 43-34-21
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	(3) "Practice of medicine" means the diagnosis, treatment, operation, or prescription for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity, or other physical or mental condition	(3) "To practice medicine," "the practice of medicine," or "practicing medicine" means to hold oneself out to the public as being engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of disease, defects, or injuries of human beings; or the suggestion, recommendation, or prescribing of any form of treatment for the intended palliation, relief, or cure of any physical, mental, or functional ailment or defect of any person with the intention of receiving therefor, either directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, or compensation whatsoever; or the maintenance of an office for the reception, examination, and treatment of persons suffering from disease, defect, or injury of body or mind; or attaching the title "M.D.," "Oph.," "D.," "Dop.," "Surgeon," "Doctor," "D.O.," "Doctor of Osteopathy," "Allopathic Physician," "Osteopathic Physician," or "Physician," either alone or in connection with other words, or any other words or abbreviations to one's name, indicating that such person is engaged in the treatment or diagnosis of disease, defects, or injuries to human beings, provided that the terms "doctors of medicine," "doctors of osteopathic medicine," "doctors of medicine licensed to practice in the state," and similar terms wherever used or appearing in this article or elsewhere shall mean and include only those persons licensed under this article.
Code	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 456.065	Ga. Code Ann. § 43-34-42
Penalty	[Intent Statement] (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that vigorous enforcement of licensure regulation for all health care professions is a state priority in order to protect Florida residents and visitors from the potentially serious and dangerous consequences of receiving medical and health care services from unlicensed persons whose professional education and training and other relevant qualifications have not been approved through the issuance of a license by the appropriate regulatory board or the department when there is no board. The unlicensed practice of a health care profession or the performance or delivery of medical or health care services to patients in this state without a valid, active license to practice that profession, regardless of the means of the performance or delivery of such services, is strictly prohibited... [Penalties]: authorizes cease and desist orders, administrative penalties \$5,000/incident, civil penalties up to \$5K per incident; Criminal remedies include 3rd degree felony with minimum \$1K fine and 1 year in jail (maximum of 5 years); if substantial bodily harm: 2nd degree felony, minimum \$1K fine and 1 year in jail (maximum of 15 years; \$1k-\$10K fine)	(a) Any person who practices medicine without complying with this article or who otherwise violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000.00 per each violation or by imprisonment from two to five years, or both.

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State	Hawaii	Idaho
Code	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 453-1	Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1803
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	For the purposes of this chapter the practice of medicine by a physician or an osteopathic physician includes the use of drugs and medicines, water, electricity, hypnotism, osteopathic medicine, or any means or method, or any agent, either tangible or intangible, for the treatment of disease in the human subject; provided that when a duly licensed physician or osteopathic physician pronounces a person affected with any disease hopeless and beyond recovery and gives a written certificate to that effect to the person affected or the person's attendant nothing herein shall forbid any person from giving or furnishing any remedial agent or measure when so requested by or on behalf of the affected person.	(a) To investigate, diagnose, treat, correct or prescribe for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity or other condition, physical or mental, by any means or instrumentality ; (b) To apply principles or techniques of medical science in the prevention of any of the conditions listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or (c) To offer, undertake, attempt to do or hold oneself out as able to do any of the acts described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.
Code	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 453-13	Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1804
Penalty	fine not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months; each day's violation or failure to comply shall be deemed a separate offense. All tools, implements, medicine and drugs used "shall be declared forfeited to the State by the court and ordered destroyed."	(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, it shall constitute a felony for any person to practice medicine in this state without a license and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a period not to exceed five (5) years, or shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment(3) Except as provided in subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c) above, it is unlawful for any person to assume or use the title or designation "medical doctor," "medical physician," "osteopathic doctor," "osteopathic physician," "M.D." or "D.O." or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card, or device to indicate to the public that such person is licensed to practice medicine pursuant to this chapter unless such person is so licensed, and upon conviction thereof, such person shall be imprisoned not to exceed one (1) year, or shall be fined not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or shall be punished by both fine and imprisonment. (4) When a person has been the recipient of services constituting the unlawful practice of medicine, whether or not he knew the rendition of the services was unlawful, proof of the rendition of such unlawful services by the recipient or his personal representative in an action against the provider of such services for damages allegedly caused by the services constitutes prima facie evidence of negligence shifting the burden of proof to such provider of unlawful services. The following damages in addition to any other remedies provided by law may be recovered in such an action: (a) The amount of any fees paid for the unlawful services. (b) Reasonable attorney's fees and court costs. (5) The board shall refer all violations of this section made known to it to appropriate prosecuting attorneys. The board may render assistance to a prosecuting attorney in the prosecution of a case pursuant to this section.

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State	Illinois	Indiana
Code	IL ST CH 225 § 60/3	Ind. Code Ann. § 25-22.5-1-1.1
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	Licensure requirement. No person shall practice medicine, or any of its branches, or treat human ailments without the use of drugs and without operative surgery, without a valid, existing license to do so, except that a physician who holds an active license in another state or a second year resident enrolled in a residency program accredited by the Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education or the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association may provide medical services to patients in Illinois during a bonafide emergency in immediate preparation for or during interstate transit.	(1) Holding oneself out to the public as being engaged in: (A) the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition of human beings; (B) the suggestion, recommendation, or prescription or administration of any form of treatment, without limitation; (C) the performing of any kind of surgical operation upon a human being, including tattooing, except for tattooing (as defined in IC 35-42-2-7), in which human tissue is cut, burned, or vaporized by the use of any mechanical means, laser, or ionizing radiation, or the penetration of the skin or body orifice by any means, for the intended palliation, relief, or cure; or (D) the prevention of any physical, mental, or functional ailment or defect of any person. (2) The maintenance of an office or a place of business for the reception, examination, or treatment of persons suffering from disease, ailment, defect, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other conditions of body or mind. (3) Attaching the designation "doctor of medicine", "M.D.", "doctor of osteopathy", "D.O.", "osteopathic medical physician", "physician", "surgeon", or "physician and surgeon", either alone or in connection with other words, or any other words or abbreviations to a name, indicating or inducing others to believe that the person is engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine (as defined in this section). (4) Providing diagnostic or treatment services to a person in Indiana when the diagnostic or treatment services: (A) are transmitted through electronic communications; and (B) are on a regular, routine, and nonepisodic basis or under an oral or written agreement to regularly provide medical services.
Code	IL ST CH 225 § 60/3.5; § 60/59	Ind. Code Ann. § 25-22.5-8-1 ,2
Penalty	<p><u>IL ST CH 225 § 60/3.5 (CIVIL)</u> Unlicensed practice; violation; civil penalty.(a) Any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts to practice, or holds oneself out to practice as a physician without being licensed under this Act shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, <u>pay a civil penalty to the Department in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each offense as determined by the Department.</u> The civil penalty shall be assessed by the Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a hearing for the discipline of a licensee. (b) The Department has the authority and power to investigate any and all unlicensed activity, (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment from any court of record.</p> <p><u>IL ST CH 225 § 60/59 (CRIMINAL)</u> 1st offense: Class 4 felony (1-3 years in state prison; fine up to \$25K; 2nd offense, Class 3 felony (2-5 years in state prison; fine up to \$25K)</p>	Sec. 1. Unlawful Practice. It is unlawful for any person to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in this state without holding a license or permit to do so, as provided in this article. Sec. 2. (a) A person who violates this article by unlawfully practicing medicine or osteopathic medicine commits a Class C felony. (b) A person who practices midwifery without the license required under this article commits a Class D felony.(c) A person who acts as a physician assistant without the license required under IC 25-27.5 commits a Class D felony.

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State	Iowa	Kansas
Code	Iowa Code Ann. § 148.1	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-2869
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	For the purpose of this subtitle, the following classes of persons shall be deemed to be engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery: 1. Persons who publicly profess to be physicians and surgeons or osteopathic physicians and surgeons, or who publicly profess to assume the duties incident to the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. 2. Persons who prescribe, or prescribe and furnish, medicine for human ailments or treat the same by surgery. 3. Persons who act as representatives of any person in doing any of the things mentioned in this section.	(a) Persons who publicly profess to be physicians or surgeons, or publicly profess to assume the duties incident to the practice of medicine or surgery or any of their branches. (b) Persons who prescribe, recommend or furnish medicine or drugs, or perform any surgical operation of whatever nature by the use of any surgical instrument, procedure, equipment or mechanical device for the diagnosis, cure or relief of any wounds, fractures, bodily injury, infirmity, disease, physical or mental illness or psychological disorder, of human beings. (c) Persons who attach to their name the title M.D., surgeon, physician, physician and surgeon, or any other word or abbreviation indicating that they are engaged in the treatment or diagnosis of ailments, diseases or injuries of human beings.
Code	Iowa Code Ann. § 148.6	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-2867
Penalty	3. A person violating the provisions of section 147.2 (unlicensed practice), 147.84 (forgery), or 147.85 (fraudulent license), shall upon conviction be guilty of a class "D" felony.	(a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed under the Kansas healing arts act or whose license has been revoked or suspended to open or maintain an office for the practice of the healing arts as defined in this act or to announce or hold out to the public the intention, authority or skill to practice the healing arts as defined in the Kansas healing arts act by the use of any professional degree or designation, sign, card, circular, device, advertisement or representation. (e) Violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.

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State	Kentucky	Lousiana
Code	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 311.550	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 37:1262
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>(10) Except as provided in subsection (11) of this section, the "practice of medicine or osteopathy" means the diagnosis, treatment, or correction of any and all human conditions, ailments, diseases, injuries, or infirmities by any and all means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities; (11) The "practice of medicine or osteopathy" does not include the practice of Christian Science, the domestic administration of family remedies, the rendering of first aid or medical assistance in an emergency in the absence of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the provisions of this chapter, the use of automatic external defibrillators in accordance with the provisions of KRS 311.665 to 311.669, the practice of podiatry as defined in KRS 311.380, the practice of a midlevel health care practitioner as defined in KRS 216.900, the practice of dentistry as defined in KRS 313.010, the practice of optometry as defined in KRS 320.210, the practice of chiropractic as defined in subsection (2) of KRS 312.015, the practice as a nurse as defined in KRS 314.011, the practice of physical therapy as defined in KRS 327.010, the performance of duties for which they have been trained by paramedics licensed under KRS Chapter 311A, first responders, or emergency medical technicians certified under Chapter 311A, the practice of pharmacy by persons licensed and registered under KRS 315.050, the sale of drugs, nostrums, patented or proprietary medicines, trusses, supports, spectacles, eyeglasses, lenses, instruments, apparatus, or mechanisms that are intended, advertised, or represented as being for the treatment, correction, cure, or relief of any human ailment, disease, injury, infirmity, or condition, in regular mercantile establishments, or the practice of midwifery by women. KRS 311.530 to 311.620 shall not be construed as repealing the authority conferred on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by KRS Chapter 211 to provide for the instruction, examination, licensing, and registration of all midwives through county health officers;</p>	<p>(3) "Practice of medicine", whether allopathic or osteopathic, means the holding out of one's self to the public as being engaged in the business of, or the actual engagement in, the diagnosing, treating, curing, or relieving of any bodily or mental disease, condition, infirmity, deformity, defect, ailment, or injury in any human being, other than himself, whether by the use of any drug, instrument or force, whether physical or psychic, or of what other nature, or any other agency or means; or the examining, either gratuitously or for compensation, of any person or material from any person for such purpose whether such drug, instrument, force, or other agency or means is applied to or used by the patient or by another person; or the attending of a woman in childbirth without the aid of a licensed physician or midwife.</p>
Code	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 311.560, § 311.990	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 37:1290
Penalty	<p>§ 311.560 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no person shall engage or attempt to engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathy within this state, or open, maintain, or occupy an office or place of business within this state for engaging in practice, or in any manner announce or express a readiness to engage in practice within this state, unless the person holds a valid and effective license or permit issued by the board as hereinafter provided. (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to: [Dr.'s in armed forces, infrequent practice of out-of-state doctors; medical residents; interns; team doctors for sports teams; charitable care providers who are licensed in another state].</p> <p>§ 311.990 (4) Each violation of KRS 311.560 shall constitute a Class D felony.</p>	<p>Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Part shall, for each offense, be fined not less than two hundred and fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than five months, or both</p>

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State	Maine	Maryland
Code	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 3270	Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-101
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>Unless licensed by the board, an individual may not practice medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery or claim to be legally licensed to practice medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery within the State by diagnosing, relieving in any degree or curing, or professing or attempting to diagnose, relieve or cure a human disease, ailment, defect or complaint, whether physical or mental, or of physical and mental origin, by attendance or by advice, or by prescribing or furnishing a drug, medicine, appliance, manipulation, method or a therapeutic agent whatsoever or in any other manner unless otherwise provided by statutes of this State. An individual licensed under chapter 361 may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name, as provided in section 2581, or a chiropractor licensed by this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Chiropractor," or a dentist duly licensed by this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name or a naturopathic doctor licensed by this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Naturopathy" or the words "Naturopathic Medicine" or an optometrist duly licensed under the laws of this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Optometrist" or a podiatrist licensed under the laws of this State may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." to that individual's name when accompanied by the word "Podiatrist" or "Chiropracist."</p>	<p>(n)(1) "Practice medicine" means to engage, with or without compensation, in medical: (i) Diagnosis; (ii) Healing; (iii) Treatment; or (iv) Surgery. (2) "Practice medicine" includes doing, undertaking, professing to do, and attempting any of the following: (i) Diagnosing, healing, treating, preventing, prescribing for, or removing any physical, mental, or emotional ailment or supposed ailment of an individual: 1. By physical, mental, emotional, or other process that is exercised or invoked by the practitioner, the patient, or both; or 2. By appliance, test, drug, operation, or treatment; (ii) Ending of a human pregnancy; and (iii) Performing acupuncture as provided under § 14-504 of this title.</p>
Code	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 3270	Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-601, 14-606
Penalty	<p>Whoever, not being duly licensed by the board, practices medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery, or purports to practice medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery in a way cited in this section, or who uses the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." or the letters "M.D." in connection with that individual's name, contrary to this section, commits a Class E crime</p>	<p>Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice medicine in this State unless licensed by the Board. (4) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, a person who violates § 14-601 of this subtitle is: (i) Guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both; and (ii) Subject to a civil fine of not more than \$50,000 to be levied by the Board.</p>

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State	Massachusetts	Michigan
Code	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 112, § 6	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 333.17001
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>Except as provided in section sixty-five, whoever, not being lawfully authorized to practice medicine within the commonwealth and registered under section two, or corresponding provisions of earlier laws, or under section one or two of chapter five hundred and twenty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, holds himself out as a practitioner of medicine or practices or attempts to practice medicine in any of its branches, or whoever practices medicine under a false or assumed name or under a name other than that by which he is registered, or whoever personates another practitioner, or whoever practices or attempts to practice any fraud in connection with the filing of an application, or whoever files an application under a false or assumed name or under a name other than his own, or whoever personates or attempts to personate another applicant for registration during an examination [continued below]</p>	<p>(f) "Practice of medicine" means the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, cure, or relieving of a human disease, ailment, defect, complaint, or other physical or mental condition, by attendance, advice, device, diagnostic test, or other means, or offering, undertaking, attempting to do, or holding oneself out as able to do, any of these acts.</p>
Code	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 112, § 6	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 333.16294 (West)
Penalty	<p>shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than one year, or both. A person rendering medical service in violation of this section shall recover no compensation therefor.</p>	<p>an individual who practices or holds himself or herself out as practicing a health profession regulated by this article without a license or registration or under a suspended, revoked, lapsed, void, or fraudulently obtained license or registration, or outside the provisions of a limited license or registration, or who uses as his or her own the license or registration of another person, is guilty of a felony.</p>

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State	Minnesota	Mississippi
Code	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 147.081	Miss. Code. Ann. § 73-25-33
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>Subd. 3. Practice of medicine defined. For purposes of this chapter, a person not exempted under section 147.09 is "practicing medicine" or engaged in the "practice of medicine" if the person does any of the following: (1) advertises, holds out to the public, or represents in any manner that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this state; (2) offers or undertakes to prescribe, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of another; (3) offers or undertakes to prevent or to diagnose, correct, or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities, any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity or defect of any person; (4) offers or undertakes to perform any surgical operation including any invasive or noninvasive procedures involving the use of a laser or laser assisted device, upon any person; (5) offers to undertake to use hypnosis for the treatment or relief of any wound, fracture, or bodily injury, infirmity, or disease; or (6) uses in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis of human disease or conditions, the designation "doctor of medicine," "medical doctor," "doctor of osteopathy," "osteopath," "osteopathic physician," "physician," "surgeon," "M.D.," "D.O.," or any combination of these designations.</p>	<p>The practice of medicine shall mean to suggest, recommend, prescribe, or direct for the use of any person, any drug, medicine, appliance, or other agency, whether material or not material, for the cure, relief, or palliation of any ailment or disease of the mind or body, or for the cure or relief of any wound or fracture or other bodily injury or deformity, or the practice of obstetrics or midwifery, after having received, or with the intent of receiving therefor, either directly or indirectly, any bonus, gift, profit or compensation; provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to females engaged solely in the practice of midwifery.</p>
Code	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 147.081	Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-23-43
Penalty	<p>Subd. 2. Penalty. Any person violating the provisions of subdivision 1 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.</p>	<p>If any person shall practice as an attorney and counsellor-at-law, or shall practice as a physician or surgeon, or shall practice as a dentist, or shall practice as a pharmacist, without having first been examined and obtained a license as required by law, he shall, on conviction, of the first offense, be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three months or more than twelve months or both; and such person, upon conviction of the second offense against this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars or more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one year or more than two years; and such person, upon conviction of any succeeding offense, shall be punished in the discretion of the court; provided, however, that such punishment shall in no case exceed the payment of a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment for five years.</p>

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State	Missouri	Montana
Code	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.010	Mont. Code Ann. § 37-3-102
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>1. It shall be unlawful for any person not now a registered physician within the meaning of the law to practice medicine or surgery in any of its departments, to engage in the practice of medicine across state lines or to profess to cure and attempt to treat the sick and others afflicted with bodily or mental infirmities, or engage in the practice of midwifery in this state, except as herein provided.</p>	<p>8) "Practice of medicine" means the diagnosis, treatment, or correction of or the attempt to or the holding of oneself out as being able to diagnose, treat, or correct human conditions, ailments, diseases, injuries, or infirmities, whether physical or mental, by any means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities. If a person who does not possess a license to practice medicine in this state under this chapter and who is not exempt from the licensing requirements of this chapter performs acts constituting the practice of medicine, the person is practicing medicine in violation of this chapter.</p>
Code	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.250	Mont. Code Ann. § 37-3-325
Penalty	<p>1. Any person who violates section 334.010 shall, upon conviction, be adjudged guilty of a class C felony for each and every offense; and treating each patient is considered a separate offense. 2. Any person filing or attempting to file as his own a license of another, or forged affidavit of identification, shall be guilty of a class C felony and upon conviction thereof shall be subjected to such fine and imprisonment as is provided by the statutes of this state for the crime of forgery.</p>	<p>(1) A person practicing medicine in this state without complying with parts 1 through 3 of this chapter or an association or corporation, except a professional service corporation under Title 35, chapter 4, practicing medicine in this state or a person, association, or corporation violating parts 1 through 3 of this chapter or an officer or director of an association or corporation violating parts 1 through 3 of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined not less than \$250 or more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 90 days or more than 1 year, or both. Each daily failure to comply with or each daily violation of parts 1 through 3 of this chapter constitutes a separate offense. (2) A person presenting or attempting to file as the person's own the diploma, license, certificate, or credentials of another or who gives false or forged evidence to the board, a member of the board, or the department in connection with an application for a license to practice medicine or who practices medicine under a false or assumed name or who falsely impersonates another licensee is guilty of a felony and on conviction shall be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for a term of not less than 1 year or more than 10 years.</p>

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State	Nebraska	Nevada
Code	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-2024	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 630.020
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	(1) Persons who publicly profess to be physicians or surgeons or publicly profess to assume the duties incident to the practice of medicine, surgery, or any of their branches; (2) Persons who prescribe and furnish medicine for some illness, disease, ailment, injury, pain, deformity, or any physical or mental condition, or treat the same by surgery; (3) Persons holding themselves out to the public as being qualified in the diagnosis or treatment of diseases, ailments, pain, deformity, or any physical or mental condition, or injuries of human beings; (4) Persons who suggest, recommend, or prescribe any form of treatment for the intended palliation, relief, or cure of any physical or mental ailment of any person; (5) Persons who maintain an office for the examination or treatment of persons afflicted with ailments, diseases, injuries, pain, deformity, or any physical or mental condition of human beings; (6) Persons who attach to their name the title of M.D., surgeon, physician, physician and surgeon, or any word or abbreviation and who indicate that they are engaged in the treatment or diagnosis of ailments, diseases, injuries, pain, deformity, infirmity, or any physical or mental condition of human beings; and (7) Persons who are physically located in another state but who, through the use of any medium, including an electronic medium, perform for compensation any service which constitutes the healing arts that would affect the diagnosis or treatment of an individual located in this state.	1. To diagnose, treat, correct, prevent or prescribe for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity or other condition, physical or mental, by any means or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the performance of an autopsy. 2. To apply principles or techniques of medical science in the diagnosis or the prevention of any such conditions. 3. To perform any of the acts described in subsections 1 and 2 by using equipment that transfers information concerning the medical condition of the patient electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics. 4. To offer, undertake, attempt to do or hold oneself out as able to do any of the acts described in subsections 1 and 2.
Code	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-1,117	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 630.400
Penalty	Any person who (1) presents to the department a document which is false or of which he or she is not the rightful owner for the purpose of procuring a credential, (2) falsely impersonates anyone to whom a credential has been issued by the department, (3) falsely holds himself or herself out to be a person credentialed by the department, (4) aids and abets another who is not credentialed to practice a profession that requires a credential, or (5) files or attempts to file with the department any false or forged diploma, certificate, or affidavit of identification or qualification shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.	A person who: 1. Presents to the Board as his or her own the diploma, license or credentials of another; 2. Gives either false or forged evidence of any kind to the Board; 3. Practices medicine, perfusion or respiratory care under a false or assumed name or falsely personates another licensee; 4. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, practices medicine, perfusion or respiratory care without being licensed under this chapter; 5. Holds himself or herself out as a perfusionist or uses any other term indicating or implying that he or she is a perfusionist without being licensed by the Board; 6. Holds himself or herself out as a physician assistant or uses any other term indicating or implying that he or she is a physician assistant without being licensed by the Board; or 7. Holds himself or herself out as a practitioner of respiratory care or uses any other term indicating or implying that he or she is a practitioner of respiratory care without being licensed by the Board, is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

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State	New Hampshire	New Jersey
Code	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 329:1	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 45:9-5.1
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	Any person shall be regarded as practicing medicine under the meaning of this chapter who shall diagnose, treat, perform surgery, or prescribe any treatment of medicine for any disease or human ailment. "Surgery" means any procedure, including but not limited to laser, in which human tissue is cut, shaped, burned, vaporized, or otherwise structurally altered, except that this section shall not apply to any person to whom authority is given by any other statute to perform acts which might otherwise be deemed the practice of medicine. "Laser" means light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation.	the phrase "the practice of medicine or surgery" and the phrase "the practice of medicine and surgery" shall include the practice of any branch of medicine and/or surgery, and any method of treatment of human ailment, disease, pain, injury, deformity, mental or physical condition, and the term "physician and surgeon" or "physician or surgeon" shall be deemed to include practitioners in any branch of medicine and/or surgery or method of treatment of human ailment, disease, pain, injury, deformity, mental or physical condition. Within the meaning of this act, except as herein otherwise specifically provided, and except for the purposes of the exemptions hereinafter contained in sections 45:9-14.1 to 45:9-14.10, inclusive, the practice of medicine and/or surgery shall be deemed to include, inter alia, the practice of osteopathy, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the holder of a license issued under or validated by the provisions contained in sections 45:9-14.1 to 45:9-14.10, inclusive, from the operation of the provisions contained in section 45:9-16 of this Title.
Code	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 329:24	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 45:9-22
Penalty	I. Whoever, not being licensed or otherwise authorized, shall advertise ... or shall practice medicine, according to the meaning of RSA 329, or ... hold oneself out as qualified so to do, or call oneself a "physician," or [whoever has a revoked license]. II. A person who engages in unlawful practice shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense...and for any subsequent offense the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor <u>if a natural person</u> , or guilty of a felony if <u>any other person</u> . III. The board... upon finding...that the person is engaged in unlawful practice, may take action ...: (a) A cease and desist order in accordance with RSA 329:24, IV. (b) <u>The imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$50,000.</u> (c) The imposition of an administrative fine for continuation of unlawful practice in the amount of <u>\$1K for each day</u> the activity continues after notice from the board that the activity shall cease.. The board is authorized to issue a cease and desist order against any person ... engaged in unlawful practice... V. The attorney general, the board, or the prosecuting attorney of any county or municipality where the act of unlawful practice takes place may maintain an action to enjoin any person ...from continuing to do acts of unlawful practice. The action to enjoin <u>shall not replace any other civil, criminal, or regulatory remedy.</u>	Any person ... [engaging in] the practice of medicine and surgery in this State without ... having obtained a license, as provided in this chapter or any supplement thereto, or contrary to any of the provisions of this chapter or any supplement thereto, or who practices medicine and surgery [under false name or impersonates a licensee], or buys, sells or fraudulently obtains a diploma as a doctor of medicine and surgery..., or method of treatment of human ailment, disease, pain, injury, deformity, mental or physical condition or a license to practice medicine and surgery, ... or any person, company or association who shall employ for a stated salary or otherwise, or aid or assist any person not regularly licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this State, to practice medicine and surgery therein, or who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any supplement thereto, shall be liable to a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), for the first offense. [deleted section for \$100 penalty for not displaying firm name] The penalties provided for by this section shall be sued for and recovered by ...f the State Board of Medical Examiners... in a summary manner, pursuant to "the penalty enforcement law" (N.J.S. 2A:58-1 et seq.) and the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey. Process shall be either in the nature of a summons or warrant. [penalty has not been increased since at least 1953]

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State	New Mexico	New York
Code	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-6-6	N.Y. Educ. Law § 6521
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>"the practice of medicine" consists of: (1) advertising, holding out to the public or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in this state; (2) offering or undertaking to administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute set forth in Chapter 61 NMSA 1978; (3) offering or undertaking to give or administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as directed by a licensed physician; (4) offering or undertaking to perform an operation or procedure upon a person; (5) offering or undertaking to diagnose, correct or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition of a person; (5) offering or undertaking to diagnose, correct or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition of a person; (7) acting as the representative or agent of a person in doing any of the things listed in this subsection;</p>	<p>The practice of the profession of medicine is defined as diagnosing, treating, operating or prescribing for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition.</p>
Code	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-6-20 (West)	N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512
Penalty	<p>A. Any person who practices medicine or who attempts to practice medicine without first complying with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act and without being the holder of a license entitling him to practice medicine in New Mexico is guilty of a fourth degree felony. B. Any person who practices medicine across state lines or who attempts to practice medicine across state lines without first complying with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act and without being the holder of a telemedicine license entitling him to practice medicine across state lines is guilty of a fourth degree felony. C. Any person convicted pursuant to Subsection A or B of this section shall be sentenced under the provisions of the Criminal Sentencing Act to imprisonment for a definite period not to exceed eighteen months and, in the discretion of the sentencing court, to a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both. Each occurrence of practicing medicine or attempting to practice medicine without complying with the Medical Practice Act shall be a separate violation.</p>	<p>1. Anyone not authorized to practice under this title who practices or offers to practice or holds himself out as being able to practice in any profession in which a license is a prerequisite to the practice of the acts, or who practices any profession as an exempt person during the time when his professional license is suspended, revoked or annulled, or who aids or abets an unlicensed person to practice a profession, or who fraudulently sells, files, furnishes, obtains, or who attempts fraudulently to sell, file, furnish or obtain any diploma, license, record or permit purporting to authorize the practice of a profession, shall be guilty of a class E felony. 2. Anyone who knowingly aids or abets three or more unlicensed persons to practice a profession or employs or holds such unlicensed persons out as being able to practice in any profession in which a license is a prerequisite to the practice of the acts, or who knowingly aids or abets three or more persons to practice any profession as exempt persons during the time when the professional licenses of such persons are suspended, revoked or annulled, shall be guilty of a class E felony.</p>

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State	North Carolina	North Dakota
Code	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 90-1.1	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-17-01
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>The practice of medicine or surgery.--The practice of medicine or surgery, for purposes of this Article, includes any of the following acts: a. Advertising, holding out to the public, or representing in any manner that the individual is authorized to practice medicine in this State. b. Offering or undertaking to prescribe, order, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of any other individual. c. Offering or undertaking to prevent or diagnose, correct, prescribe for, administer to, or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, or devices any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect, or abnormal physical or mental condition of any individual, including the management of pregnancy or parturition. d. Offering or undertaking to perform any surgical operation on any individual. e. Using the designation "Doctor," "Doctor of Medicine," "Doctor of Osteopathy," "Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine," "Physician," "Surgeon," "Physician and Surgeon," "Dr.," "M.D.," "D.O.," or any combination thereof in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or condition, unless the designation additionally contains the description of or reference to another branch of the healing arts for which the individual holds a valid license in this State or the use of the designation "Doctor" or "Physician" is otherwise specifically permitted by law. f. The performance of any act, within or without this State, described in this subdivision by use of any electronic or other means, including the Internet or telephone.</p>	<p>"Practice of medicine" includes the practice of medicine, surgery, and obstetrics. The following persons must be regarded as practicing medicine: a. One who holds out to the public as being engaged within this state in the diagnosis or treatment of diseases or injuries of human beings. b. One who suggests, recommends, or prescribes any form of treatment for the intended relief or cure of any physical or mental ailment of any person, with the intention of receiving, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, or compensation. c. One who maintains an office for the examination or treatment of persons afflicted with disease or injury of the body or mind. d. One who attaches the title M.D., surgeon, doctor, D.O., osteopathic physician and surgeon, or any other similar word or words or abbreviation to the person's name, indicating that the person is engaged in the treatment or diagnosis of the diseases or injuries of human beings must be held to be engaged in the practice of medicine.</p>
Code	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 90-18	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-17-34
Penalty	<p>(a) No person shall perform any act constituting the practice of medicine or surgery, as defined in this Article, or any of the branches thereof, unless the person shall have been first licensed and registered so to do in the manner provided in this Article. Any person who practices medicine or surgery without being duly licensed and registered, as provided in this Article, shall not be allowed to maintain any action to collect any fee for such services. Any person so practicing without being duly licensed and registered in this State shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person so practicing without being duly licensed and registered in this State and who is falsely representing himself or herself in a manner as being licensed or registered under this Article or any Article of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class I felony. Any person so practicing without being duly licensed and registered in this State and who is an out-of-state practitioner shall be guilty of a Class I felony. Any person who has a license or approval under this Article that is inactive due solely to the failure to complete annual registration in a timely fashion as required by this Article or any person who is licensed, registered, and practicing under any other Article of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.</p>	<p>Any person who practices medicine in this state without complying with the provisions of this chapter, and any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter for which another penalty is not specified is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. In addition to the criminal penalties provided, the civil remedy of injunction is available to restrain and enjoin violations of any provisions of this chapter without proof of actual damages sustained by any person</p>

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State	Ohio	Oregon
Code	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4731.34	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 677.085
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>(A) A person shall be regarded as practicing medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, ... who does any of the following: (1) Uses the words or letters, "Dr.," "Doctor," "M.D.," "physician," "D.O.," "D.P.M.," ... [or any other title that implies medical authority]..., in any of its branches; (2) Advertises, solicits, or represents in any way that the person is practicing medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, in any of its branches; (3) In person or, regardless of the person's location, through the use of any communication, including oral, written, or electronic communication, does any of the following: (a) Examines or diagnoses for compensation of any kind, direct or indirect; (b) Prescribes, advises, recommends, administers, or dispenses for compensation of any kind, direct or indirect, a drug or medicine, appliance, mold or cast, application, operation, or treatment, of whatever nature, for the cure or relief of a wound, fracture or bodily injury, infirmity, or disease. (B) <u>The treatment of human ills [through Church] in accordance with the tenets ..of such church, shall not be regarded as the practice of medicine,</u> provided that sanitary and public health laws shall be complied with, no practices shall be used that may be dangerous or detrimental to life or health, and no person shall be denied the benefits of accepted medical and surgical practices. (C) The use of words, letters, or titles ... to induce the belief that the person who uses them is engaged in the practice of medicine ... is prima-facie evidence of the intent of such person to represent the person as engaged in the practice of medicine...</p>	<p>A person is practicing medicine if the person does one or more of the following: (1) Advertise, hold out to the public or represent in any manner that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this state. (2) For compensation directly or indirectly received or to be received, offer or undertake to prescribe, give or administer any drug or medicine for the use of any other person. (3) Offer or undertake to perform any surgical operation upon any person. (4) Offer or undertake to diagnose, cure or treat in any manner, or by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities, any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition of any person. (5) Except as provided in ORS 677.060, append the letters "M.D." or "D.O." to the name of the person, or use the words "Doctor," "Physician," "Surgeon," or any abbreviation or combination thereof, or any letters or words of similar import in connection with the name of the person, or any trade name in which the person is interested, in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of human diseases or conditions mentioned in this section.</p>
Code	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4731.41 , §4731.99	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 677.080 ; 677.990
Penalty	<p>No person shall practice medicine and surgery, or any of its branches, without the appropriate certificate from the state medical board to engage in the practice. No person shall advertise or claim to the public to be a practitioner of medicine and surgery, or any of its branches, without a certificate from the board. No person shall open or conduct an office or other place for such practice without a certificate from the board. No person shall conduct an office in the name of some person who has a certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or any of its branches. No person shall practice medicine and surgery, or any of its branches, after the person's certificate has been revoked, or, if suspended, during the time of such suspension. (A) Whoever violates section 4731.41, 4731.43, or 4731.60 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree on a first offense and a felony of the fourth degree on each subsequent offense.</p>	<p>No person shall: (1) Knowingly make any false statement or representation on a matter, or willfully conceal any fact material to the right of the person to practice medicine or to obtain a license under this chapter. (2) Sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any medical and surgical diploma, license, record or registration, or aid or abet in the same. (3) Impersonate anyone to whom a license has been granted by the Oregon Medical Board. (4) Except as provided in ORS 677.060, practice medicine in this state without a license required by this chapter. Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 677.990: (2) Any person who practices medicine without being licensed under this chapter as prohibited in ORS 677.080 (4) commits a Class C felony.</p>

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State	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island
Code	63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 422.2	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-37-1
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>"Medicine and surgery." The art and science of which the objectives are the cure of diseases and the preservation of the health of man, including the practice of the healing art with or without drugs, except healing by spiritual means or prayer. 63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 422.10 No person other than a medical doctor shall engage in any of the following conduct except as authorized or exempted in this act:</p> <p>(1) Practice medicine and surgery. (2) Purport to practice medicine and surgery. (3) Hold forth as authorized to practice medicine and surgery through use of a title, including, but not necessarily limited to, medical doctor, doctor of medicine, doctor of medicine and surgery, doctor of a designated disease, physician, physician of a designated disease, or any abbreviation for the foregoing. (4) Otherwise hold forth as authorized to practice medicine and surgery</p>	<p>"Practice of medicine" includes the practice of allopathic and osteopathic medicine. Any person is regarded as practicing medicine within the meaning of this chapter who holds himself or herself out as being able to diagnose, treat, operate, or prescribe for any person ill or alleged to be ill with disease, pain, injury, deformity or abnormal physical or mental condition, or who either professes to heal, offer or undertake, by any means or method to diagnose, treat, operate, or prescribe for any person for disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical or mental condition. In addition, one who attaches the title, M.D., physician, surgeon, D.O., osteopathic physician and surgeon, or any other similar word or words or abbreviation to his or her name indicating that he or she is engaged in the treatment or diagnosis of the diseases, injuries or conditions of persons shall be held to be engaged in the practice of medicine.</p>
Code	63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 422.39	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-37-12
Penalty	<p>(a) General rule.--Any person, ...employee..., institution or association, who violates any provisions of this act or any rule or regulation of the board commits a [third degree] misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$2,000 or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, for the first violation. On the second and each subsequent conviction, he or she shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000 or to imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than one year, or both. (b) Civil penalties.--In addition to any other civil remedy or criminal penalty... the board, by a vote of the majority ... may levy a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 on any current licensee who violates any provision of this act or on any person who practices medicine and surgery or other areas of practice requiring a license, certificate or registration from the board without being properly licensed, certificated or registered to do so under this act. The board shall levy this penalty only after affording the accused party the opportunity for a hearing, as provided in Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to administrative law and procedure).</p>	<p>Any person who is not lawfully authorized to practice medicine within this state, and registered according to law, who practices medicine or surgery or attempts to practice medicine or surgery, or any of the branches of medicine or surgery, after having received or with the intent of receiving, either directly or indirectly, any bonus, gift or compensation, or who opens an office with intent to practice medicine, or holds himself or herself out to the public as a practitioner of medicine, whether by appending to his or her name the title of doctor or any abbreviation, or M.D., or any other title or designation implying a practitioner of medicine, or in any other way, shall be imprisoned not more than three (3) years, or fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment; and in no case when any provision of this chapter has been violated shall the person violating these provisions be entitled to receive compensation for services rendered.</p>

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State	South Carolina	South Dakota
Code	S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-20	S.D. Codified Laws § 36-4-9
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>(36) "Practice of Medicine" means: (a) advertising, holding out to the public or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in this State; (b) offering or undertaking to prescribe, order, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of any other person; (c) offering or undertaking to prevent or to diagnose, correct or treat in any manner, or by any means, methods, or devices, disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect, or abnormal physical or mental condition of a person, including the management or pregnancy and parturition; (d) offering or undertaking to perform any surgical operation upon a person; (e) rendering a written or otherwise documented medical opinion concerning the diagnosis or treatment of a patient or the actual rendering of treatment to a patient within this State by a physician located outside the State as a result of transmission of individual patient data by electronic or other means from within a state to such physician or his or her agent; (f) rendering a determination of medical necessity or a decision affecting the diagnosis and/or treatment of a patient is the practice of medicine subject to all of the powers provided to the Board of Medical Examiners, except as provided in Section 38-59-25;(g) using the designation Doctor, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Physician, Surgeon, Physician and Surgeon, Dr., M.D., D.O., or any combination of these in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or condition unless such a designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in this State that is applicable to the clinical setting; and (h) testifying as a physician in an administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding in this State by expressing an expert medical opinion.</p>	<p>For the purpose of this chapter, "practice of medicine or osteopathy" includes, but not by way of limitation, to append or prefix the letters M.D., or D.O. or the title of Doctor or Dr. or Specialist or Osteopath or any other sign or appellation in a medical sense to one's name or to profess publicly to be a physician or surgeon or to recommend, prescribe or direct for the use of any person any drug, medicine, apparatus, or other agency for the cure, relief or palliation of any ailment or disease of the mind or body or the cure or relief of any wound, fracture or bodily injury or deformity.</p>
Code	S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-200	S.D. Codified Laws § 36-4-24.3
Penalty	<p>A person who practices or offers to practice medicine in this State in violation of this chapter or who knowingly submits false information for the purpose of obtaining a license is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than fifty thousand dollars. Each violation constitutes a separate offense. The provisions of this chapter apply to a person or entity aiding and abetting in a violation of this chapter.</p>	<p>No person required to be licensed, certificated, or permitted under the provisions of this chapter shall practice the person's profession in the State of South Dakota without such active license, certificate, or permit and renewal pursuant to the provisions of this chapter except those specifically excepted from the provisions of this chapter. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.</p>

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State	Tennessee	Texas
Code	Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-204	Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 151.002
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	(a)(1) Any person shall be regarded as practicing medicine within the meaning of this chapter who treats, or professes to diagnose, treat, operates on or prescribes for any physical ailment or any physical injury to or deformity of another	13) "Practicing medicine" means the diagnosis, treatment, or offer to treat a mental or physical disease or disorder or a physical deformity or injury by any system or method, or the attempt to effect cures of those conditions, by a person who: (A) publicly professes to be a physician or surgeon; or (B) directly or indirectly charges money or other compensation for those services. (14) "Surgery" includes: (A) surgical services, procedures, and operations; and (B) the procedures described in the surgery section of the common procedure coding system as adopted by the Health Care Financing Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
Code	Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-203	Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 165.152; §165.153
Penalty	(a)(1) Any person who practices medicine or surgery in this state without having first complied with the provisions of this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor for each instance of such practice. (2) Each time any person practices medicine or surgery without first obtaining a valid certificate or renewing a certificate constitutes a separate offense. (3) Any person filing or attempting to file as the person's own a diploma or license of another or a forged affidavit of identification commits a Class E felony. (b) All fines for offenses under this chapter shall be paid over to the board to constitute a part of the funds of the board to be paid into the state treasury	(a) A person commits an offense if the person practices medicine in this state in violation of this subtitle (b) Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. (c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the third degree. (d) On final conviction of an offense under this section, a person forfeits all rights and privileges conferred by virtue of a license issued under this subtitle. Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 165.153 (a) A person commits an offense if the person practices medicine without a license or permit and causes another person: (1) physical or psychological harm; or (2) financial harm. (b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a felony of the third degree (c) An offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a state jail felony.

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State	Utah	Vermont
Code	Utah Code Ann. § 58-67-102	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, § 1311
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>"Practice of medicine" means:(a) to diagnose, treat, correct, administer anesthesia, or prescribe for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain or other condition, physical or mental, real or imaginary, or to attempt to do so, by any means or instrumentality, and by an individual in Utah ... (b) when a person not licensed as a physician directs a licensee under this chapter to withhold or alter the health care services that the licensee has ordered, but practice of medicine does not include any conduct under Subsection 58-67-501 (2); (c) to maintain an office or place of business for the purpose of doing any of the acts described in Subsection (8)(a) whether or not for compensation; or (d) to use, in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of human diseases or conditions in any printed material, stationery, letterhead, envelopes, signs, or advertisements, the designation "doctor," "doctor of medicine," "physician," "surgeon," "physician and surgeon," "Dr.," "M.D.," or any combination of these designations in any manner which might cause a reasonable person to believe the individual using the designation is a licensed physician and surgeon, and if the party using the designation is not a licensed physician and surgeon, the designation must additionally contain the description of the branch of the healing arts for which the person has a license, provided that an individual who has received an earned degree of doctor of medicine degree but is not a licensed physician and surgeon in Utah may use the designation "M.D." if it is followed by "Not Licensed" or "Not Licensed in Utah" in the same size and style of lettering.</p>	<p>(1) Practice of medicine means: (A) using the designation "Doctor," "Doctor of Medicine," "Physician," "Dr.," "M.D.," or any combination thereof in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or condition unless the designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in Vermont; (B) advertising, holding out to the public, or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in the jurisdiction; (C) offering or undertaking to prescribe, order, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of any other person; (D) offering or undertaking to prevent, diagnose, correct, or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, or devices any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect, or abnormal physical or mental condition of any person, including the management of pregnancy and parturition; (E) offering or undertaking to perform any surgical operation upon any person; (G) rendering a determination of medical necessity or a decision affecting the diagnosis or treatment of a patient.</p>
Code	Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-501, §503	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, § 1314
Penalty	<p>(1) "Unlawful conduct" means conduct... that is defined as unlawful under this title and includes: (a) practicing or engaging in, representing oneself to be practicing or engaging in, or attempting to practice or engage in any occupation or profession requiring licensure under this title if the person is (i) not licensed to do so or not exempted from licensure under this title; or (ii) restricted from doing so ... (b) impersonating another licensee or practicing an occupation or profession under a false or assumed name... (c) knowingly employing any other person to practice or engage in or attempt to practice or engage in any occupation or profession licensed under this title ...; d) knowingly permitting the person's authority to practice or engage in any occupation or profession licensed under this title to be used by another, except as permitted by law; (e) ... dealing with the division or a licensing board through the use of fraud, forgery, or intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission; or (f)(i) issuing, or aiding and abetting in the issuance of, an order or prescription for a drug ... Utah Code Ann. § 58-67-503(1) Any person who violates the unlawful conduct provisions of Section 58-67-501 or Section 58-1-501 is guilty of a third degree felony.</p>	<p>(a) A person who, not being licensed, advertises or holds himself or herself out to the public as described in section 1311 of this title, or who, not being licensed, practices medicine as defined in section 1311 of this title, or who practices medicine under a fictitious or assumed name, or who impersonates another practitioner or who is not a licensed health care professional as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 5202 and signs a certificate of death for the purpose of burial or removal, shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.</p>

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State	Virginia	Washington
Code	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2900 (West)	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 18.71.011
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>"Practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine" means the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities by any means or method.</p>	<p>A person is practicing medicine if he or she does one or more of the following: (1) Offers or undertakes to diagnose, cure, advise, or prescribe for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain or other condition, physical or mental, real or imaginary, by any means or instrumentality; (2) Administers or prescribes drugs or medicinal preparations to be used by any other person; (3) Severs or penetrates the tissues of human beings; (4) Uses on cards, books, papers, signs, or other written or printed means of giving information to the public, in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of human disease or conditions the designation "doctor of medicine," "physician," "surgeon," "m.d.," or any combination thereof unless such designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which a person has a license: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That a person licensed under this chapter shall not engage in the practice of chiropractic as defined in RCW 18.25.005.</p>
Code	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2902	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 18.130.190
Penalty	<p>It shall be unlawful for any person to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, podiatry, or as a physician's or podiatrist's assistant in the Commonwealth without a valid unrevoked license issued by the Board of Medicine Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-111 A. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, corporation or other entity to engage in any of the following acts: 1. Practicing a profession or occupation without holding a valid license as required by statute or regulation...Any person who willfully engages in any unlawful act enumerated in this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The third or any subsequent conviction for violating this section during a 36-month period shall constitute a Class 6 felony. In addition, any person convicted of any unlawful act enumerated in subdivision 1 through 8 of this subsection, for conduct that is within the purview of any regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, may be ordered by the court to pay restitution in accordance with §§ 19.2-305 through 19.2-305.4.</p>	<p>(7)(a) Unlicensed practice of a profession or operating a business for which a license is required by the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040, unless otherwise exempted by law, constitutes a gross misdemeanor for a single violation (b) Each subsequent violation, whether alleged in the same or in subsequent prosecutions, is a class C felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.</p>

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State	West Virginia	Wisconsin
Code	W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3-4	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 448.01
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>(3) "Practice of medicine and surgery" means the diagnosis or treatment of, or operation or prescription for, any human disease, pain, injury, deformity or other physical or mental condition. "Surgery" includes the use on humans of lasers, ionizing radiation, pulsed light and radiofrequency devices. The provisions of this section do not apply to any person who is a duly licensed health care provider under other pertinent provisions of this code and who is acting within the scope of his or her license.</p>	<p>(9) "Practice of medicine and surgery" means: (a) To examine into the fact, condition or cause of human health or disease, or to treat, operate, prescribe or advise for the same, by any means or instrumentality. (b) To apply principles or techniques of medical sciences in the diagnosis or prevention of any of the conditions described in par. (a) and in sub. (2) (c) To penetrate, pierce or sever the tissues of a human being. (d) To offer, undertake, attempt or do or hold oneself out in any manner as able to do any of the acts described in this subsection. (10) "Treat the sick" means to examine into the fact, condition or cause of human health or disease, or to treat, operate, prescribe or advise for the same, or to undertake, offer, advertise, announce or hold out in any manner to do any of the aforementioned acts, for compensation, direct or indirect, or in the expectation thereof.</p>
Code	W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3-13	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 448.09
Penalty	<p>(a) A person may not engage in the practice of medicine and surgery or podiatry, hold himself or herself out as qualified to practice medicine No person may practice as a physician assistant, hold himself or herself out as qualified to practice as a physician assistant or use any title, word or abbreviation to indicate to or induce others to believe that he or she is licensed to practice as a physician assistant in this state unless he or she is actually licensed under the provisions of this article. (b) Any person who intentionally practices, or holds himself or herself out as qualified to practice, or uses any title, word or abbreviation to indicate to or induce others to believe he or she is licensed to practice a health care profession licensed under this article with a license classified by the board as expired, lapsed or terminated, for any period of time up to ninety days, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or confined in jail not more than twelve months, or both fined and confined. (c) Any person who intentionally practices, or holds himself or herself out as qualified to practice, or uses any title, word or abbreviation to indicate to or induce others to believe he or she is licensed to practice as a physician, podiatrist or physician assistant without obtaining an active, valid West Virginia license to practice that profession or with a license that is: (1) Expired, terminated or lapsed, for over ninety days; or (2) inactive, revoked, suspended or surrendered, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both fined and imprisoned.</p>	<p>(1) Penalties. A person who violates s. 448.08 (3) may be fined not more than \$250. Except as provided in sub. (1m) [a licensed doctor] a person who violates any other provision of this subchapter may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both.</p>

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State	Wyoming
Code	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-26-102
Definition of "Practice of Medicine"	<p>"Practicing medicine" means any person who in any manner: (A) Advertises, holds out, or represents to the public that he is authorized to practice medicine in this state; or (B) Offers or undertakes to prevent, diagnose, correct or treat, in any manner, by any means, method or device, any human disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition, injury, deformity or ailment, including the management of pregnancy and parturition; or (C) Attaches the title of M.D., D.O., physician, surgeon, osteopathic physician or osteopathic surgeon, doctor, or any other words, letters or abbreviations or any combination thereof when used in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease or condition unless the designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in this state; or (D) Practices osteopathy; or (E) Offers or undertakes to prescribe, order, give or administer drugs which can only be obtained by prescription according to law; or (F) Renders a determination of medical necessity or appropriateness of proposed treatment</p>
Code	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-26-410
Penalty	<p>(a) Any person engaged in the practice of medicine or aiding and abetting another in the practice of medicine without a license granted by the board is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both. Each violation constitutes a separate offense for which the penalty in this subsection may be assessed. (b) Any person filing or attempting to file as his own the diploma of another or forged affidavit of identification is guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding three (3) years. (c) The attorney general, the board, any county or district attorney <u>or any citizen</u> may obtain an injunction in the name of the state of Wyoming upon the relation of a complainant enjoining any person from engaging in the practice of medicine without a license. The district court ... has original jurisdiction of any such injunction proceedings. Any defendant who is enjoined and who thereafter violates the injunction shall be punished for contempt of court by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six (6) months or not more than one (1) year, or both. An injunction may be issued without proof of actual damage sustained and upon proof of one (1) or more acts constituting practice of medicine without a license.</p>